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SUBJECT: CONGOLESE EXECUTIONS

1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION FEBRUARY 8 EDITION OF WASHINGTON
POST PAGE A-20 CARRIED FOLLOWING ITEM,
QUOTE: 10 CONGOLESE EXECUTED - BRAZZAVILLE, CONGO -
TEN MEN CONDEMNED TO DEATH IN CONNECTION WITH THE
ASSASSINATION LAST MARCH OF CONGOLESE PRESIDENT MARIEN
NGOUABI WERE SHOT BY A FIRING SQUAD BEFORE DAWN, THE
GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED. FORMER PRESIDENT ALPHONSE MASSEMBA-
DEBAT, ALLEGED TO HAVE MASTERMINDED NGOUABI'S KILLING,
WAS EXECUTED WITHIN A WEEK OF THE ASSASSINATION. UNQUOTE.

2. NEW YORK TIMES OF FEBRUARY 9 REPORTED SIMILARLY ON
PAGE A-12 AS FOLLOWS BASED ON A REUTERS REPORT:
QUOTE: CONGO ANNOUNCES EXECUTION OF 10 FOR ASSASSINATION
OF PRESIDENT - BRAZZAVILLE, CONGO, FEB. 7(REUTERS) -
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TEN MEN CONDEMNED TO DEATH IN CONNECTION WITH THE
ASSASSINATION LAST MARCH OF THE CONGOLOSE PRESIDENT, MARIEN
NGOUABI, WERE EXECUTED TODAY, THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED.

THE MEN WERE SENTENCED YESTERDAY TO BE SHOT, AND PRESIDENT
JOACHIM YHOMBI OPANGO SAID THAT THE SENTENCES WOULD BE

CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORDER OF THE
REVOLUTIONARY COURT.
PRESIDENT NGOUABI WAS SHOT TO DEATH IN HIS PALACE MARCH
18 BY THREE MEN. VANCE

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